



Base realignment and closure

BRAC requirements going according to plan

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In 2005, Congress issued the base realignment and closure requirements for the Department of Defense. The list was mainly a selection of installations and DoD offices that are to be closed or moved to maximize efficiency.

For the Air Force, it's an important step in transforming the force from a residual Cold War infrastructure to meet future defense strategy and needs, with all BRAC requirements set to be reached September 2011.

BRAC is a Total Force initiative, affecting active duty, the Guard and Reserves. Together we're incorporating innovative ideas to create a smaller, more capable force. The Air Force is using capability from new technology to capitalize on the wealth of talent and experience across the service.

The efficiencies that will be achieved as a result of BRAC will help free up critical resources needed for today's fight, as well as the needs of the future. The Air Force is committed to ensuring the highest quality of life standards for our people while we continue to sustain and modernize the world's best air, space, and cyberspace force.

BRAC successes already seen:

- More than 120 Air Force installations are impacted by the 2005 BRAC recommendations, allowing us to maximize our warfighting capability to best support a transforming force through 2025.
- Cannon AFB, N.M., will be realigned for an Air Force Special Operations Command mission as their F-16 Fighting Falcons are moved to other locations.
- In San Antonio, the Air Force is partnering with the sister services and integrating two trauma hospitals to provide world-class care for 220,000 patients.
- The Air Force recently decided to close Kulis Air National Guard Base, Alaska and move its people to embrace the missions at nearby Elmendorf Air Force Base. In addition, the Air Force is on track to combine eight other Total Force units to share fighter, airlift, tanker and unmanned aerial vehicle mission responsibilities, and is prepared to merge another eight more.

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